Activities of multinational Companies

1650. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain specific rules and regulations governing the activities of multinational companies operating in India; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have come across certain illegal business activities of such companies, jeopardising the national economy; and if so, what are the names of the companies; and

(c) whether Government have ordered an inquiry into their activities and if so, what are the findings of the inquiry and the follow up action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no accepted definition of a multinational company. However, for practical purposes, a company having more than 40 per cent non-resident interest (popularly known as a FERA company) is treated as a multinational company. Apart from other provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973, (FERA), Sections 26(7), 28, 29 and 31 of FERA regulate the operations of FERA companies in India. These companies, like any other company, are also subject to the relevant provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951, EXIM Regulation Act, Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944, Customs Act, 1962, Income Tax Act, 1961, Companies Act, 1956, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 etc. These Acts are administered by different Ministries/ Departments of Government and in case of violation, suitable action is taken by appropriate authorities.

Shortage of planes with the Indian Airlines

1651. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines is at present facing acute shortage of planes due to the grounding of Airbuses; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure regular air services?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 5-3-1990, Indian Airlines has revised its schedule and has provided adequate standby capacity at base stations with a view to minimise delays and maintain regularity.

Baloon Volvuloplasty facility in Dr, RML Hospital, New Delhi

1652. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no facility for Baloon Volvuloplasty in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted in the death of innocent patients in its Cardiology Department;

(c) whether any enquiries have been conducted into such deaths; and

(d) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.